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AMEMBASSY LILONGWE
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AF/PD FOR COX AND ROBERTSON, AF/S FOR KRAFT AND
SCHLACHTER, AF/RA FOR SWANN, INR/R/MR, NSC FOR JENDAYI
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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION ZIMBABWE VOTES; HARARE
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[1](#)1. THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE"
PUBLISHED A STRONGLY WORDED FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN ITS
MARCH 7 EDITION. UNDER THE HEADLINE "SHOCK MUGABE" THE
NEWSPAPER URGES VOTERS TO TELL PRESIDENT MUGABE TO GO.
EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

"MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR, THE SLAIN AMERICAN CIVIL
RIGHTS ICON, HAD THIS TO SAY IN 1963, THE HEIGHT OF THE
STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM BY UNITED STATES CIVIL RIGHTS
GROUPS: 'WE KNOW THROUGH PAINFUL EXPERIENCE THAT
FREEDOM IS NEVER VOLUNTARILY GIVEN BY THE OPPRESSOR; IT
MUST BE DEMANDED BY THE OPPRESSED.' ZIMBABWE'S LONG-
PROMISED MOMENT OF RECKONING HAS FINALLY COME. IT
BECKONS ALL PATRIOTIC AND VALIANT CITIZENS TO STAND UP
WITH ONE VOICE TO TELL ONE ROBERT MUGABE: MR.
PRESIDENT, PLEASE GO AND GO NOW.

".SHOCK THE OLD MAN OF ZIMBABWEAN POLITICS INTO HIS
LONG-DELAYED RETIREMENT. WHETHER HE RETIRES TO HIS
HOME VILLAGE OF ZVIMBA OR MALAYSIA OR THAILAND IS NOT
AN ISSUE. SHOCK HIM BY VOTING OVERWHELMINGLY FOR A NEW
ERA THAT IS FIRMLY ANCHORED IN PALPABLE PEACE, JUSTICE
AND PROSPERITY - AND NOT IN THE MURDER, RAPE, TORTURE
AND STARVATION OF SO MANY INNOCENTS IN THE LAND. SHOCK
HIM BY MASSIVELY REJECTING THE POVERTY AND SQUALOR THAT
HAVE BECOME YOUR DAILY LIVES IN THIS BRAVE 21ST CENTURY
AND IN A COUNTRY SO RICH WITH BOTH MAN-MADE AND GOD'S
RESOURCES. SHOCK HIM BY DEMONSTRATING THAT ZANU PF'S
DEATH THREATS TO FORCE YOU TO ATTEND HIS MANY RALLIES
IN THE PAST MONTH CANNOT AND WILL NOT ALTER YOUR VOTE.
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".NO ONE ELSE - NO MATTER WHAT ZANU PF AND ITS WAR
VETERANS AND MILITIA TELL YOU - WILL EVER KNOW HOW YOU
VOTED. YOUR VOTE IS TOTALLY SECRET AND IS YOUR BIGGEST
WEAPON TO USHER IN A NEW AND PEACEFUL REVOLUTION IN THE
MOTHERLAND, WHICH HAS YEARNED FOR YEARS TO JOIN THE
REST OF THE WORLD IN HUMANITY'S HURRIED MARCH TOWARDS A
BETTER LIFE FOR ALL.

".DON'T BE AFRAID, DON'T BE INTIMIDATED AND DON'T LOSE
HEART. YOUR VOTE, ALL OF YOU ZIMBABWEANS, WILL SINK
MUGABE FOREVER AND THERE IS NOTHING HE CAN DO ABOUT
THIS."

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